(b) if so, the details and steps being taken to solve the problem and the completion of the project as early as possible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) On this 307 kms. long route, doubling has already been commissioned on 284 kms.length. Another 21 Kms. has also been completed and is likely to be commissioned is March, 2007. Contractual problem in construction of Netravati River bridge has delayed the completion of the bridge.

(b) Contracts awarded earlier for construction of Netravati River bridge have been terminated and fresh tenders have been processed for the bridge works.

ATM at Sheikhpura station

†1298. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has made an agreement with various nationalized banks to install ATM at railway stations all over the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no ATM of any bank is installed at Sheikhpura railway station of Danapur division under East-Central Railway in Bihar;

(c) whether there is any proposal of his Ministry to install an ATM of the State Bank of India at Sheikhpura railway station;

(d) if so, by when the ATM is going to be installed; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

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†Onginal notice of the question was received in Hindi

(e) Keeping in view the traffic being handled at Sheikhpura, the need for provision of ATM at this station has not been felt by any bank.

Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch Rail line

1299. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have completed the survey of extended railway line between Jammu to Rajouri and Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, what is the amount incurred on survey and the status of the project, as on date; and

(c) by when the construction work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. A survey for construction of new line between Jammu and Poonch *via* Rajouri was completed in March, 1999.

(b) Amount incurred on survey was Rs. 15.00 lakh. As per survey report, the cost of construction of 223 kms. long line was assessed as Rs. 4574 crore with negative rate of return.

(c) Due to constraint of resources and heavy throwforward of the ongoing projects, it was not considered feasible to take up the work.

Palace on Wheels from Delhi

1300. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has proposed to launch third Palace on Wheels train from New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the destinations that would be touched by this train and whether any survey has been conducted for its viability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.